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SUBJECT: WILLY BRANDT VISIT TO FINLAND

1. FRG SOCIALIST PARTY CHAIRMAN AND SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL
CHAIRMAN WILLY BRANDT VISITED FINLAND JULY 1-5 AND MET WITH
LEADING SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AS WELL AS PRESIDENT KEKKONEN. HE
HELD TWO PRESS CONFERENCES DURING WHICH HE MADE THE FOLLOWING
OBSERVATIONS.

2. ON CSCE, BRANDT PAID TRIBUTE TO ROLE OF FINLAND AND NOTED
THAT, EVEN AS ATTENTION BEING PAID TO FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE,
BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN EUROPEAN STATES HAVE BEEN
IMPROVED AS CONSEQUENCE OF HELSINKI MEETING. HE REJECTED VIEW
THAT FRG RELATIONS WITH BLOC COUNTRIES ARE STAGNATING. ALTHOUGH
HE SAID PROGRESS IN DETENTE COULD BE FASTER, RELATIONS BETWEEN
BONN AND WARSAW, FROM WHICH BRANDT HAD FLOWN TO FINLAND, ARE
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EXAMPLE OF POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT.

3. ON US/SOVIET RELATIONS, BRANDT EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT
NEW SALT AGREEMENT COULD STILL BE ACHIEVED THIS YEAR,
WHICH WOULD IMPROVE POSSIBILITIES TO GET RESULTS ON TROOP
REDUCTIONS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. HE OBSERVED
THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD TOLD HIM IN MAY THAT US STAND

ON HUMAN RIGHTS IS NOT AN ALTERNATIVE TO DETENTE.
BRANDE ADDED THAT "WITH ALL RESPECT FOR THE AMERICAN
PRESIDENT, I CAN ADD THAT I BELONG TO A MOVEMENT
WHICH HAS STRUGGLED FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ALREADY FOR A
COUPLE OF GENERATIONS BEFORE CARTER."

4. ON EURO-COMMUNISM, BRANDT OBSERVED THAT HE DOES
NOT EXACTLY UNDERSTAND WHAT IS MEANT BY TERM.
"COMMUNIST PARTIES OF EUROPE OPERATE UNDER SUCH DIFFERENT
CONDITIONS THAT ONE SHOULD PERHAPS RATHER
SEPAK OF ITALO-COMMUNISM, HISPANO-COMMUNISM, AND
FRANCO COMMUNISM." NOTING THAT HIS INTEREST IN
THESE PARTIES STEMS FROM HIS SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL
ROLE AND NOT HIS SDP POSITION, BRANDT SAID THAT
MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL ARE
INDEPENDENT PARTIES AND MAKE THEIR DECISIONS
CONCERNING GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION WITH OTHER
PARTIES ACCORDING TO CONDITIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
COUNTRIES.
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